



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN JUNE 2010

WABA Board Meeting	7:00pm Thursday	June 3 rd	Bridges
TOWN COUNCIL	7:00pm Tuesday	June 8 th	Stowe
PLANNING COMMISSION	7:00pm Wednesday	June 15 th	<i>Special Joint mtg.**</i> Clemett
WABA Shoreline Committee	7:00pm Wednesday	June 15 th	Joint meeting.** Clemett

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TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Historically, with summer comes a bump in property theft in the village; this is a reminder to keep your doors and windows locked to your house, garage and cars. Most property theft in BAV have been “opportunistic” meaning residents have left their property unlocked and within sight.

There are exceptions: **On May 20th, a resident on lower 29th left his house locked up. While he was out, burglars pried open his front door with a crowbar, went through his house and left though the more private back door stealing money and valuables.** This is notable because the thieves were brazen enough to break the front door during the day on a dead end street. Wisely, the resident victim had his guns locked in his safe.

Lessons learned:

Based on past burglaries, we now know that our houses are methodically “studied”.

Criminals may know how many people live in your house & their routines. This is their “occupation”. The following are consistent factors that enhance your likelihood of being the next target: You live alone, have a predictable routine, the inside of your garage is visible so that the absence of your car can be confirmed, your house entrances are not visible from your neighbors’ houses or the public street, you don’t have an alarm or a dog. By leaving the same lights being on day or night or newspapers out front, you are out of town- and so on.

What can you do?

1. **CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOOR-** I frequently see residents leave their overhead doors open frequently, sometimes all day while they are gone from their home.
2. **If you have monitored alarm system, use it** – even if you are just going out for a walk on the beach. I can’t tell you how many people tell me that they have an alarm, pay the monthly fee but do not use it “during the day”.
3. **If you don’t have an alarm, get a monitored alarm installed.** This is not as expensive as some may think. Most monitored systems can be installed for less than \$1,000 provided you sign for monitored service [where they call you & then the police if it goes off while you are gone.] These have the added security of being able to by-pass the motion sensors while setting the door/window contacts when you are home for the evening. Right now, ADT has an online special promotion **where you can get a basic**

system for \$100 provided you sign a 3 year monitoring contract for \$34/month. You can usually get them to warranty your system for the contract term.

4. **Trim back the vegetation:** If you have lots of bushes, trees or other vegetation obscuring your front door from the street, trim it back.
5. **Avoid storing high value assets in your home:** Things like precious stones or metal, guns or cash are hard for burglars to ignore. If you have a home safe, this is an attractant—even if it's empty; the assumption is that you have a safe for a reason. There have been some well published, recent home invasions in Seattle and Bellevue; take note.
6. **Miscellaneous:** You've heard all this before: Get motion—activated exterior flood lights installed, Have some interior lights on timers that are programmed to go off/on. If you go out of town, ask your neighbor to pick up your newspaper and park their car in your driveway. Watch your neighborhood for strange things; for example if you see an unfamiliar car moving slowly and “aimlessly”, or pedestrians carrying odd objects like a crowbar or electronic gear. Criminals don't like to be noticed. If they see they are being observed that may be enough to send them elsewhere. Always call 911 if you see something that isn't right or feel threatened in any way. 911 operators are trained to prioritize all calls.

Block Watch: The Block Watch system is still current. While some do not have internet, most residents do; others read the BAV newsletter. So for information such as above where there is no immediate urgent action required, we prefer not to alarm residents unless necessary. In the event however of an urgent situation, like for example an ongoing police chase or a natural disaster, we will activate the Block Watch calling tree. In June we plan to test this calling tree so you will receive a call from your block watch captain. This may include some survey questions related to these subjects discussed above. Your participation will help Town leaders to understand your views. - *Walter Scott, Marshal*

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the May 11th Council meeting:

- Per state statute, the Water Department must set annual goals for reducing water consumption. The Council discussed what those goals should be with Water Dept Supervisor Bob Durr; much of that discussion centered around what value the goals have, particularly to a small water system that experiences large fluctuations in water usage that are directly related to how hot the summer weather is. Mr. Durr will contact the Department of Health to discuss the need for this goal further.
- Councilmember Sharp reported that the 108th Committee is shifting its focus to implementing the vision developed for the Beaux Arts portion of the 108th ROW. They will be looking at ways to fund improvements to this ROW, prioritizing the various elements of the vision, and developing a more detailed plan for the improvements.
- The Council heard a progress report from Town Planner Mona Green on the Shoreline Management Program update that is currently underway. The report included information about WABA's work to develop a plan for shoreline restoration. The Council will receive periodic reports from Ms. Green that detail progress on each of the five tasks needed to complete the Town's update and the dollars spent on each of these tasks.
- The Council discussed the idea of switching to a Hearing Examiner further and decided to send proposed ordinance language to the Planning Commission for study as soon as such language can be completed. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will work with Town Attorney Stewart to prepare the needed ordinance(s).

- The Council discussed the possible installation of security cameras at the three vehicular entrances to the Village. Town Marshall Scott and Councilmember Eulau will survey residents for their opinions on and possible concerns about such an installation before developing any project details.
- The Council adopted Resolution No. 260 authorizing the mayor to execute a contract for marine services with the King County Sheriff's Office.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL E-MAIL CONTACTS: We now have *Beaux Arts specific* e-mail addresses for sending and receiving correspondence related to Town business for the Mayor and the Town Council. In addition, there are two new generic boxes. The mayor box forwards to Mayor Leider, and the council box forwards to all 5 Council members:

Mayor Leider: rleider@beauxarts-wa.gov OR mayor@beauxarts-wa.gov
 Councilmember Eulau seulau@beauxarts-wa.gov OR council@beauxarts-wa.gov
 Councilmember Hillberg: mhillberg@beauxarts-wa.gov
 Councilmember Leber: mleber@beauxarts-wa.gov
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 Councilmember Stowe: tstowe@beauxarts-wa.gov

A SPECIAL OUTREACH MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY

ADMINISTRATION: Social Security needs your help finding people in your community who are having difficulties paying for prescription drug medications. In 2008, Congress passed the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) which changed the eligibility rules for the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) for Medicare Part D program. Effective 1/1/10, they will no longer count:

- Assistance received for household expenses as income
- Life Insurance policies as a resource

These changes in the law may allow more people on Medicare to qualify for assistance with prescription drug costs through their "Extra Help" program. They believe the information in their new brochure will benefit your friends, relatives, and your community. To access this brochure, please go to the "What's New" page of the Town's website at: http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov/whats_new.htm and look for the "Chubby Checkers" brochure. Please help us spread the word that there may be financial help for Medicare beneficiaries to cover the costs associated with prescription drug coverage.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, June 8, 2010** at Tom Stowe's house.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to everyone that helped make the Spring Town Cleanup last month such a success! The town was literally buzzing with activity all morning and in several cases through to the end of the weekend. A special thank you to everyone that helped keep the dumpsters closable. The cleanup is a great way to keep the town as beautiful as it is, but it's also a great way to meet, re-meet, and enjoy our neighbors, and have a good time!

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: The Town's Planning Commission is having a joint meeting with the WABA Shoreline Beach Committee in June. Public input is sought for the *community visioning* phase of future shoreline development as part of the Shoreline Master

Program Update at that *special* meeting, **Wednesday, June 15, 2010, 7:00pm** at Carol Clemett's house.

NEXT WABA BOARD MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, June 3, 2010** at Dan Bridges' house.

WABA SHORELINE-BEACH PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The WABA Shoreline Project is going to offer one more **public** meeting for Villagers to give input: (The first two public meetings were held April 28th and May 19th at the Justus's.)

Third Public Meeting: Tuesday, June 15th (Carol Clemmett's house) 7 p.m.: John Barker Landscape Architects will present the *preferred* plan based on previous meetings and preliminary costs. **The community may give input about the preferred alternative design.**
3rd meeting GOAL: develop consensus about 3 enhancement areas, potential future grant funding, permit applications, schedule for implementation. See also <http://www.waba1908.com> and click on *Shoreline Project* for links to all the current plans.

GREEN BOOK UPDATES: The Green Book updates were distributed to mail boxes early May; please see Andrea Sharp if you did not receive yours.

DOCKMASTER REPORT: There is some dock space available to villagers who are interested in mooring small boats for the summer or using rack or platform space for vessels such as canoes, kayaks, etc. There are currently no year-round in-water slips available, but there are several seasonal in-water slips available. If you are interested in any of the available spaces please contact Dock Master van de Kamp

\$\$: We are starting a program for village teens to earn some real cash. We invite kids 12 and older to join the ranks of "**Ivy Eradicators**". We will **pay** \$10 per tree trunk and \$20 per life ring around the tree. Julie Finnell will head up this project; she will train anyone who is interested and all you need is gloves. Kids will sign up for tree work and be paid upon successful completion of the task. Call Julie if interested; there is no specific time requirement.

BEACH MOMS: WABA is excited to announce this summer's beach moms! Thank you **Karen Deitrick and Julia Morse** for happily agreeing to share the position. Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Saturday, June 12: Beaux Arts lifeguard begins duty (1-7pm), weather permitting

Sunday, June 13: Lifeguard's second day of duty (1-6pm)

Thursday, June 17: Lifeguard's summer schedule begins (M-Sat 1-7pm, Sundays 1-6pm)

Saturday, June 19: Meet the lifeguard social (2pm)

Wednesdays, Summer Beach Activity (2-4pm): June 30, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25

Monday, Sept. 6: Lifeguard's last day of duty

We have also selected July 24th as a tentative date for the Beaux Arts Summer Picnic and Art Carnival. Look for upcoming information regarding volunteer opportunities for this very busy, yet fun, day!

LIFEGUARDS: Interviews for summer lifeguards are being conducted now and will be announced soon!

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We still have plenty of openings for those who would like to get involved in planning and/or leading our annual projects and social events including the WABA Summer Picnic, Kids Beach Sleepover, Summer Arts & Crafts Fair, Christmas Cookie Exchange, Christmas Ships Gathering and the 2011 Winter Dinner. Please contact Becky Ryals if you are interested.

B.A.R.F.: Beaux Arts Racing Fleet will begin C-15 sailboat races at the beach on Wednesdays this summer starting June 2nd. See Carol Clemett for more details!

LOST & FOUND:

Lost: Key on Thermometer key ring lost at Easter Egg Hunt at Beach. See Bo Harpster if found.

Lost: Black, XL REI Gore-Tex-type jacket lost at beach in April. See Sheila Justus if found.

Found: A few Pyrex casserole dishes and pie plates from neighbors that provided food to the Solibakke's. If you have not had your container returned, please see Susan Kennedy to claim.

BUILDING NEWS- All required permits were issued by the Beaux Arts Bldg. Dept. in May:
10204 SE 27th St. Tree Removal
2730 – 106th Pl. SE Mechanical

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 269-6985
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757